

Nursery Autumn Term Newsletter, 2026

Dear families,

A warm welcome to all our new families at the start of this term. The children have made a fantastic start settling into Nursery. They are beginning to learn the routines and expectations in nursery and have enjoyed exploring the activities both inside and outside the classroom, focussed on settling in. At the start of the day the children hang up their coats and put their bags in the red boxes, then self-register by putting their name on the elephant, helping them with early literacy skills and recognising their name.

This term in Nursery, our topics are 'All about me' and 'Journeys'. We will be using stories to support children's knowledge and helping them to develop new language and vocabulary. In the first half term we will be learning about families, the local area, who helps us in an emergency and exploring nature and the seasons. In the second half of the term we will be exploring journeys, looking at different types of transport and journeys. You will find the knowledge organisers attached for our topic work with key facts and information, which are helpful to use when talking to your child about their learning.

In our maths learning we will be counting saying one number name for each object, singing number rhymes, developing fast recognition of numbers to 5, linking numerals to amounts and exploring with mark making symbols. We will also be exploring 2D shapes.

At Cranmere we use the 'Bug Club' phonics scheme. In phonics, we will be introducing the children to phase 1 phonics activities to develop their listening skills and identifying and differentiating sounds.

Alongside our topics this term, we will be focusing on developing children's independence and self-help skills. Children will be encouraged to be as independent in tasks as possible, with support from adults. We would really appreciate your support with this by naming items such as coats, jumpers, water bottles and lunch boxes. Through building their independence children will develop their self-belief which will benefit them throughout their life.

Every Wednesday will be explorer day where most of our learning will take place outside. Children love to be outside developing their gross motor skills and exploring nature. We have a woodland area which we are continuing to develop and extensive outdoor areas. Such as a digging area and mud kitchen, vegetable plots and flower beds. We will explore whatever the weather so please ensure your child has a named pair of wellies and puddle suit or waterproof coat on that day.

This term we are delighted to introduce our Elephant class library. Reading with your child in their early years builds the foundations of language acquisition, cognitive development and literacy skills, developing a love of learning. Incorporating reading into your daily routine such as bedtime helps to foster a love of books. We will initially give your child a book to share with you at home, then you are able to change that book with your child at the start or end of the day, whenever you choose. The library is located in the cloakroom. We hope you enjoy sharing the books with your child.

Alternate weeks we will be sending a home/school activity journal for you to share with your child. This may be a photo, activity, or speech bubble to complete. This is a lovely way for us to share your child's learning at school and for you to share home experiences with us. Please return the following week and we will share them in school.

We are really looking forward to the term ahead. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions regarding your child's learning or wellbeing.

Kind regards,

Miss Butt, Miss Morgan and the Nursery team.



Kindness



Respect



Curiosity



Resilience



Self-belief



Responsibility